

# Native Plant and Wildflower Program



## Indiana's Roadside Heritage Program

Indiana's Roadside Heritage program was established in 1999. Its purpose is to promote and incorporate the use of native plants and wildflowers into our roadside landscaping projects utilizing Federal-aid funds. The program supports INDOT's strategic goal of protecting and enhancing the environment.

The plantings improve the visual and physical environment by minimizing storm runoff, controlling weeds and providing a visual break for travelers. Because of the program, the costs associated with mowing and maintenance are reduced.

The establishment of the plants sites to a showy flower stage may take up to three years. Therefore, the use of flowering annuals such as Cosmos or Annual Poppies provides a temporary display. This is especially helpful in high visibility areas, such as interchanges.

Several of the native wildflowers used in this program include; New England Aster, Butterfly Milkweed, Gayfeather, Perennial Lupine, Plains Coreopsis and Purple Coneflower. Grasses are also part of the plant mix. This includes; Little Bluestem, Big Bluestem, Blue Grama and Sideoats Grama.

Many of the native wildflower seeds are difficult to obtain in the mass quantities required to establish plantings in our right of way. This year funds were approved to develop a seed source site at the Winamac Subdistrict. The goal of the site is to supplement supplies provided by vendors and to provide seeds and plant plugs of those more difficult to obtain native plants.

*Flowers pictured above, from left to right: Yellow Coneflower, Cosmos, Monarda (top) and Prairie-Dock (bottom).*

## Plant locations around the state

I-65 and S.R. 43 & S.R. 26 - Tippecanoe County  
I-65 and Wolcott Rest Area - White County  
I-65 and Lebanon Rest Area - Boone County  
I-65 and Southport Road - Marion County  
I-65 and I-465 South - Marion County  
I-65 and County Line Road - Marion/Johnson County  
I-69 and I-465 - Marion County  
I-69 and 96th Street - Marion County  
I-69 and S.R. 238 - Hamilton County  
I-70 and S.R. 9 - Hancock County  
I-70 and U.S. 40 - Wayne County  
I-70 and U.S. 41 - Vigo County  
I-70 and Plainfield Rest Area - Hendricks County  
I-70 and Greenfield Rest Park - Hancock County  
I-74 and Lizton Rest Area - Hendricks County  
I-74 and Spring Creek Welcome Center - Vermillion County  
I-74 and S.R. 44 - Shelby County  
I-465 and U.S. 31 North - Hamilton County  
I-465 and Shadeland - Marion County  
S.R. 28 west of Frankfort - Clinton County  
U.S. 36 east of Danville - Hendricks County  
U.S. 41 Boswell - Benton County  
U.S. 52 Fowler - Benton County  
U.S. 52 Benton Central High School - Benton County  
U.S. 52 and S.R. 443 - Tippecanoe County  
S.R. 59 south of Mansfield - Parke County  
S.R. 63 and S.R. 234 - Vermillion County  
U.S. 231 at South Putnam High School - Putnam County  
U.S. 24 east of Kentland - Newton County